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In re Patent Application of

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For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF SOUNDNESS OF A SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM, AND METHOD FOR THE VERIFICATION OF DATA OF A SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM

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Many embodiments for protecting against forgery are disclosed. Mainly, a semiconductor chip and antenna are incorporated in a paper or film-form medium. For example, Fig. 8 shows a medium having a surface printed pattern 81 and a semiconductor chip 82 including an antenna.

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Respectfully submitted,



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